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Held at Headquarters, New York,
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The meeting was called to order at 8.30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

The PRESIDENT: In accordance with the decisions taken at the 2978th meeting, I invite the representative of Iraq to take a place at the Council table; I invite the representative of Kuwait to take a place at the Council table; I invite the representative of Saudi Arabia to take the place reserved for him at the side of the Council Chamber.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Al-Anbari (Iraq) and Mr. Abulhasan (Kuwait) took places at the Council table; Mr. Shihabi (Saudi Arabia) took the place reserved for him at the side of the Council Chamber.

The PRESIDENT: The Security Council will now resume consideration of the item on its agenda.

Following consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Council welcomes the decisions taken to date relating to food and medical needs by the Committee established under resolution 661 (1990), including those just taken to facilitate the provision of humanitarian assistance, including infant formula and water purification material.

"It calls upon the Committee to continue to act promptly on requests submitted to it for humanitarian assistance.

"It urges the Committee to pay particular attention to the findings and recommendations on critical medical/public health and nutritional conditions in Iraq which have been and will continue to be submitted to it by the World Health Organization, (UNICEF), the International Committee of the Red Cross and other relevant organizations, consistent with the relevant resolutions,

(The President)

and urges these humanitarian agencies to play an active role in this process and cooperate closely with the Committee in its work.

"The Council welcomes the Secretary-General's announcement that he plans to send urgently a mission led by Under-Secretary-General Martti Ahtisaari comprising representatives of the appropriate United Nations agencies to Iraq and Kuwait to assess the humanitarian needs arising in the immediate post-crisis environment. The Council invites the Secretary-General to keep it informed in the shortest possible time on the progress of his mission, on which it pledges to take immediate action."

The Security Council has completed its business for this meeting. The next meeting of the Security Council to continue consideration of the item on the agenda will be fixed in consultation with the members of the Council.

The meeting rose at 8.40 p.m.